

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 20 as follows:

20. (Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein said triterpene moiety is an acacic acid ester, a oleanolic acid ester, a betulinic acid ester, an ursolic acid ester, a quinovic acid ester, a pomolic acid ester, a rotundic acid ester, a rotungenic acid ester, a madasiatic acid ester, an asiatic acid ester, an euscaphic acid ester, a tormentic acid ester, madecassic acid ester, a lupeolic acid ester, a cylicodiscic acid ester, a mollic acid ester, a jessic acid ester, an echinocystic acid ester, or an entagenic acid ester.

Please add claim 55 as follows:

- 55. (New) The method of claim 7, wherein said triterpene moiety is an acacic acid ester, a oleanolic acid ester, a betulinic acid ester, an ursolic acid ester, a quinovic acid ester, a pomolic acid ester, a rotundic acid ester, a rotungenic acid ester, a madasiatic acid ester, an asiatic acid ester, an euscaphic acid ester, a tormentic acid ester, madecassic acid ester, a lupeolic acid ester, a cylicodiscic acid ester, a mollic acid ester, a jessic acid ester, an echinocystic acid ester, or an entagenic acid ester.--

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to eliminate a multiple dependent claim. The amendments do not narrow the claims and accordingly Applicants do not intend to disclaim any subject matter by the amendment. Support for the amendment is found in the claims as filed. A marked copy of the amended claim is attached as Appendix A. A clean copy of the pending claims following the amendment is attached as Appendix B.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

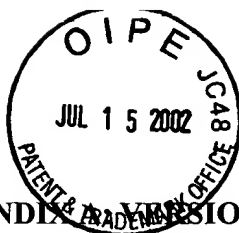
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APPENDIX A REVISION OF AMENDMENTS MARKED TO SHOW CHANGES

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20. (Amended) The method of claim[s 7 or] 8, wherein said triterpene moiety is an acacic acid ester, a oleanolic acid ester, a betulinic acid ester, an ursolic acid ester, a quinovic acid ester, a pomolic acid ester, a rotundic acid ester, a rotungenic acid ester, a madasiatic acid ester, an asiatic acid ester, an euscaphic acid ester, a tormentic acid ester, madecassic acid ester, a lupeolic acid ester, a cyclicodiscic acid ester, a mollic acid ester, a jessic acid ester, an echinocystic acid ester, or an entagenic acid ester.

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- 55. (New) The method of claim 7, wherein said triterpene moiety is an acacic acid ester, a oleanolic acid ester, a betulinic acid ester, an ursolic acid ester, a quinovic acid ester, a pomolic acid ester, a rotundic acid ester, a rotungenic acid ester, a madasiatic acid ester, an asiatic acid ester, an euscaphic acid ester, a tormentic acid ester, madecassic acid ester, a lupeolic acid ester, a cyclicodiscic acid ester, a mollic acid ester, a jessic acid ester, an echinocystic acid ester, or an entagenic acid ester.--